

North Carolina Department of Transportation
PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION FORM
I. D. No. U-5813

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Consultation Phase: Right of Way
- b. Project Description: US 64 from Asheboro Bypass to East of I-73/I-74/US220 In Asheboro. Widen to multilanes, reconstruct interchange at NC 49, modify interchange at I-73/I-74/US-220 and replace Bridge 750171 over US 64 and NC 49
- c. WBS Element: 44385.1.3
Federal Project: NHP-0064(206)
- d. Document Type: Categorical Exclusion Type III 04/05/2019

II. CONCLUSIONS

The Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771. It was determined that the current proposed action is essentially the same as the action proposed in the previous documents. Changes, if any, are noted below in Section III. It has been determined that anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts were accurately described in the CE unless noted otherwise herein. Therefore, the previous Administration Action remains valid.

III. CHANGES IN PROPOSED ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to make improvements to US 64 from the Asheboro Bypass to east of I-73/I-74/US 220 in Asheboro, Randolph County. US 64 is classified as a Principal Arterial in the North Carolina Functional Classification System; this section is on the National Highway System.

The proposed project will widen U.S. 64 from Asheboro Bypass to East of I-73-/I-74/US 220, replace the Albemarle Road Bridge No. 171, convert I-73/I-74/U.S. 220 interchanges with Albemarle Road and US 64/NC 49 to a split diamond interchange, and realign S.R. 1446 (Lewallen Road) to the west.

Design Changes

Since the date of the signed CE, no substantial changes have occurred.

Water Resources:

The water resource classifications for the streams identified in the CE remain accurate.

Protected Species:

The list of protected species remains unchanged since the CE was completed.

It is anticipated that the Atlantic pigtoe (*Fusconaia masoni*) will receive protective federal listing from the USFWS in 2020. Coordination with the NCDOT Biological Surveys Group is underway to address this species as the listing becomes official. Surveys, if needed, will be conducted and any potential concurrence with USFWS will be completed prior to project construction.

IV. LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

See the attached Green Sheet of environmental commitments developed during the planning and design process.

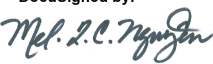
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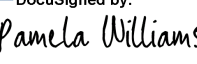
Project Management Unit personnel have discussed current project proposals with others as follows:

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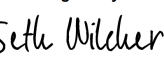
VI. NCDOT CONCURRENCE

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VII. FHWA CONCURRENCE

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H. Project Commitments

**Randolph County
U.S. 64 Widening
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Division 8 Construction - High Quality Water

An Unnamed Tributary to Cedar Fork Creek SIN [13-2-3-3-2-2-(1)] and its tributaries are designated as High Quality Waters. The NCDOT will implement Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds as appropriate.

This commitment is still valid.

Project Management Unit - Municipal Agreement - Sidewalks

NCDOT will continue to coordinate with the City of Asheboro for the inclusion of sidewalks in the proposed project's design. Should sidewalks be pursued, NCDOT will develop a Municipal Agreement (MA) to cost-share with the local municipality.

The City of Asheboro and NCDOT are in the process of working on the agreement.

Roadway Design Unit

NCDOT will provide a depressed island at the western intersection of Westside Drive and U.S. 64 for emergency vehicle access originating from Westside Fire Department (225 Westside Drive). The depressed island will allow left turns for emergency vehicles only from the western intersection of Westside Drive with U.S. 64.

This emergency access has been incorporated into plans.

Environmental Analysis Unit

NCDOT will complete a survey for the federally endangered Schweinitz's sunflower one year prior to construction let.

The survey for the Schweinitz's sunflower was conducted on August 20, 2019 and will be good for two years. If project LET date gets delayed, survey will be conducted accordingly.

Traffic Noise Analysis

A comprehensive traffic noise abatement design review, in the form of a Design Noise Report, will be conducted as part of the project's final design.

Design Noise Analysis is in progress.

GeoEnvironmental Section

Soil and groundwater assessments will be conducted at each of the impacted geoenvironmental sites of concern prior to right of way acquisition.

No GeoEnvironmental sites of concern have been identified.